Nunavut Housing Needs Survey
Fact Sheet – Grise Fiord

Background:

The Nunavut Housing Needs Survey (NHNS) is a survey of households in 25 communities in Nunavut, conducted from November 2009 to June 2010. The primary objective of the survey was to collect data on the housing needs of Nunavummiut so as to assist the Government of Nunavut in planning and providing housing. The overall response rate was 88% for Grise Fiord.

This fact sheet presents some of the survey results for Grise Fiord. Similar fact sheets are available for the territory as a whole and for each region and each community. All numbers in this fact sheet have been rounded. Percentages were calculated from unrounded numbers and the denominator excludes the non-response categories "refusal", "don't know", and "not stated".

More survey information and results are available on the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics' website which may be accessed at http://www.eia.gov.nu.ca/stats/housing.html or you may wish to contact one of our Information Officers at 867-473-2656 or 867-473-2660. Collect calls are accepted.

Survey highlights for Grise Fiord:

Housing stock and housing tenure in Grise Fiord:

A) Grise Fiord had a total of 60 dwellings, of which 50 were occupied by their usual residents. The remaining 10 dwellings were unoccupied or occupied temporarily by persons who considered their usual home elsewhere.

B) The most common type of dwelling was single detached houses (79%).

C) Of the 50 dwellings occupied by usual residents, about 7 dwellings out of 10 were rented while 3 out of 10 were owned.

D) Most of the housing occupied by residents of Grise Fiord was classified as public housing, which made up slightly more than one-half of all occupied dwellings. The second most common type of housing was owner-occupied dwellings, representing about 3 dwellings out of 10. The remaining occupied dwellings were staff housing and other types of rented housing.

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State of housing for dwellings occupied by usual residents in Grise Fiord:

E) Of the 50 households, which is the equivalent of all dwellings occupied by usual residents, about 2 out of 3 were satisfied with the condition of their dwelling.

F) About 32% of occupied dwellings (20) required major repairs for items such as defective plumbing or defective electrical wiring, a leaking oil or sewage tank, or a broken hot water boiler. The need for major repairs is based solely on the opinion of the respondent.

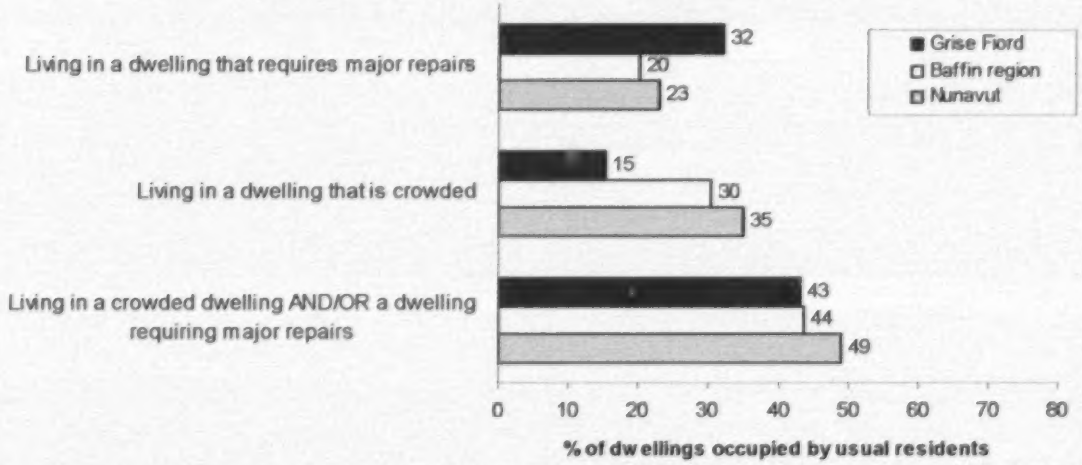
G) Approximately 15% of occupied dwellings (10) were classified as crowded, based on the lack of enough bedrooms. Most of those dwellings were classified as crowded because they required one additional bedroom. The few other crowded dwellings required two or more additional bedrooms.

H) In a small number of crowded dwellings, respondents indicated that they regularly used the living room for sleeping because there was no other place to sleep.

I) In Grise Fiord, 43% of the occupied dwellings (20) were below housing standards, meaning they were either crowded or in need of major repairs or a combination of both. Housing affordability was not measured in the survey.

J) Public housing had the highest proportion of dwellings below housing standards (56%) compared with other types of housing such as owner-occupied dwellings, staff housing or other rental housing.

Chart 1. Summary of the state of housing for dwellings occupied by usual residents, Grise Fiord, Baffin region and Nunavut, 2009-2010



Note: The need for major repairs is based on the opinion of the respondent. A dwelling is classified as crowded if there is a lack of a sufficient number of bedrooms.

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Grise Fiord housing needs for dwellings below housing standards:

K) For each person in a household, the survey asked if they would move out if additional housing were available in their community.

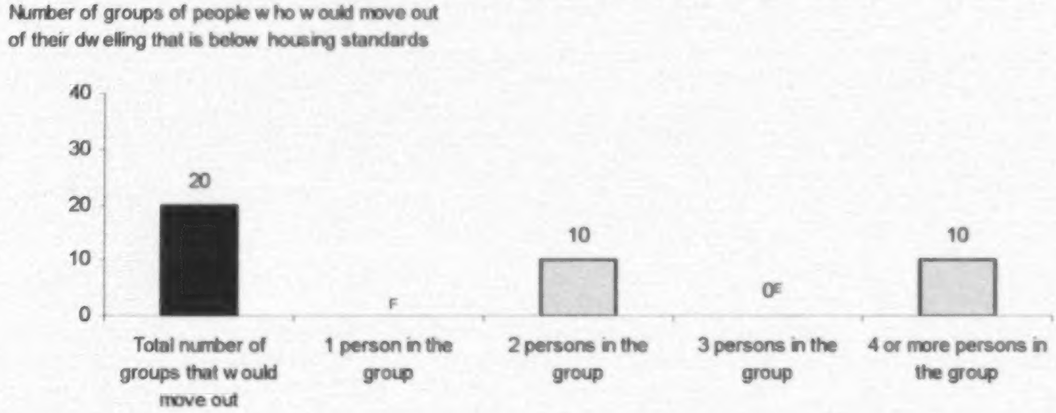
L) In most occupied dwellings below housing standards in Grise Fiord, at least one person or a group of household members would move out if more housing were available.

M) Out of the 70 or so persons living in a dwelling below housing standards, about 50 of them responded that they would move out if more housing units were available in their community.

N) Of the 50 people or so who would move out, some of them would move out on their own and others would move out with people living in the same dwelling or elsewhere. This represents a total of 20 groups of people that would move out of their current housing if additional housing were available.

O) This number of groups (20) represents the number of dwellings that would be required to house the groups moving out of dwellings below housing standards. About 93% of these groups wishing to move would be a group of two or more persons moving out together while the remaining groups would be people moving out alone.

Chart 2. Number of dwellings required to house groups moving from dwellings that are below housing standards by group size, Grise Fiord, 2009-2010



E Use with caution as the estimate has a high variability.

F Too unreliable to be published.

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People in immediate need of housing in Grise Fiord:

P) The number of people in Grise Fiord who did not have a usual home at the time of the survey and were living temporarily in another person's dwelling is too unreliable to be published.

Q) About 1 occupied dwelling out of 4 housed temporary residents without a usual home elsewhere in the 12 months prior to the time of the survey.

People on the waiting list for public housing in Grise Fiord:

R) A very small number of people in Grise Fiord aged 15 years and over reported that they were on the waiting list for public housing.

S) The number of people aged 15 years and over in Grise Fiord by the length of time on the public housing waiting list is too unreliable to be published.

Please note that the data for Chart 3 is too unreliable to be published.

Telephone and Internet access in Grise Fiord:

T) About 30 households or 6 out of 10 in Grise Fiord had access to the Internet from within their dwelling.

U) The majority of households, or 85%, had a telephone. Most of these households had a regular land line telephone.

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